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TO:

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**DIRECTORS/COORDINATORS** 

ADOLESCENT FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM (AFLP)

**DIRECTORS/COORDINATORS** 

BLACK INFANT HEALTH (BIH)/FETAL INFANT MORTALITY

**REVIEW (FIMR) COORDINATORS** 

SUBJECT:

POLICY CONFIRMATION - TITLE V FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2004/05

**AUGMENTATIONS** 

PROGRAM POLICY ALERT #2004/05-05

This letter confirms information provided to you by Dr. Steinberg at the January 2005 MCAH Action meeting regarding FY 2004/05 Title V augmentations and updates the following correspondence:

- MCH Title V Needs Assessment and MCH BIH/FIMR augmentations individual letters sent to MCAH Directors/Coordinators on September 10, 2004.
- AFLP augmentations individual letters sent to MCAH Directors/Coordinators and AFLP Directors on October 8, 2004.

## **Confirmation – MCAH Needs Assessment Augmentation:**

The augmentation for the MCAH Title V Needs Assessment will remain <u>one-time funding</u> for FY 2004/05. The September 10th letter referred to above stated, "The funding that will be allocated to MCH programs is only for FY 2004/05, and will not remain with the agencies in perpetuity." California received a \$494,000 reduction in its Title V allocation from Health Resources and Services Administration, the federal Title V funding agency. Due to the funding reduction, the MCAH Branch is unable to continue this funding beyond FY 2004/05.

As stated at MCAH Action meetings, local jurisdictions may access these funds through October 31, 2005. However, since the augmentation was only \$10,000 for each of the 48 agencies, MCAH Branch encourages each local jurisdiction to utilize the funds prior to June 30, 2005 to simplify local and state recordkeeping.

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As stated in the September 10th letter, these funds are to be used:

 To address one of the specific priority needs identified in the recently completed Title V needs assessment.

### Update - MCH BIH/FIMR Augmentation:

The augmentation for the BIH/FIMR program will be on-going funding each fiscal year based on availability of Title V funds appropriated in the annual State Budget Act. This is a change from the statement in the September 10th letter that indicated that the funding was for FY 2004/05 only. These funds are still to be used for the initial purpose, that is:

 To address the high disparity of fetal and infant deaths in the African American community. Eight local BIH/FIMR local jurisdictions are receiving the additional funding to their FIMR allocation to perform an intensive review of African American fetal and infant deaths.

#### **Update – AFLP Augmentation:**

The augmentation for the AFLP program will be on-going funding each FY based on availability of Title V funds appropriated in the annual State Budget Act. The ongoing nature of the funds was not addressed in the October 8th letter, but has been addressed in recent MCAH Action meetings. The funds will continue to be used to provide AFLP case management services.

We appreciate the work and effort you put forth every day on behalf of women and children in your jurisdiction. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact your Program Consultant or your Contract Manager as appropriate to the specific concern.

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